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Two Gala Balls Salute New Year

At the Spanish Embassy; Rose Zalles at Sulgrave

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The year 1962 didn't exactly slip up on society last night.

Hundreds of familiar figures in the social world were ready and waiting to greet it in a style equal to or surpassing that accorded its predecessors.

Scores of them invited to the two biggest private balls last night tore back and forth between the Sulgrave Club and the Spanish Embassy to test the mid-evening gaiety of both. Fact is, the most perplexing problem that faced a lot of people on Sunday afternoon was which party they should go to first.

Over 300 socialites welcomed the baby year in at the Spanish Embassy where Ambassador and Mrs. Yturralde gave a dance that started at

10:30, featured the grape ceremony at midnight and produced superb Spanish entertainment at 3 in the morning.

ANOTHER 400 OR SO danced to Auld Lang Syne at the witching hour in the Sulgrave Club ballroom, where four debutantes were being given a memorable whirl by Mrs. Saul Zalles.

Immediately after the clamor sparked by the birth of 1962 subsided, they were treated to a special performance by Robert Davis and Pat Sings of the Washington Ballet.

Those who stayed for that before whipping over to the Yturraldes missed the famous grape ceremony.

The wife of the Spanish Ambassador, who greeted her guests in a beautiful, full-skirted Balenciaga gown of

white brocade, had gone to considerable pains to simplify the traditional Spanish grape ceremony for everyone. Of course, there's nothing too difficult about eating 12 grapes unless you have to devour all 12 in the little basket given each guest by the 12 strokes of midnight and you have an aversion to swallowing seeds. A non-seed type herself, Mrs. Yturralde searched hard for seedless grapes, finally compromised with golden grapes that had only one seed each.

THE SPANISH EMBASSY was brilliant with color. The six Corinthian columns in the ballroom, two separating the life-size portraits of Generalissimo Franco in the center from Queen Victoria Eugenia and the late King of Spain, were entwined by pine garlands and studded with

brightly colored lights of blue, green, red and orange. Blue and golden lights shone through the four crystal chandeliers, and masses of fresh red carnations were banked on the mantel under Gen. Franco's portrait. Silver bells hung on the new red curtains in the ballroom and new red cushions covered the seats of the antique white straight chairs that lined the wall.

The colored tiled patio with its centered fountain had more of an informal carnival air with its festoons of red and green hung with multicolored big paper balls and Japanese lanterns. Red ribbons entwined the 16 columns in this room, and red and yellow ribbons covered the ceiling of the alcove where some of the entertainers performed.

Dancing to a Deuron orchestra in the ballroom, supping in the patio or in one of the drawing rooms after midnight or simply mingling and chatting were Mr. and Mrs. Hugh D. Auchincloss, French Ambassador and Mme. Alphonse fresh back from Paris—Nicole in the beautiful pink Dior sheath which bore the name "The White House" in the Dior show at the Embassy; Undersecretary of the Air Force and Mrs. Joseph Chirk, Postmaster General and Mrs. Edward Day, Secretary of the Army; Elvis Stahr, whose wife has been ill, and the Wiley Buchanans.

The Rowland Evanses, the Philip Geylins, the Walter Ridders, Henry Brandon, and the President's Naval Aide and Mrs. Tazewell Shepard were among the present.

THE AMBASSADORS of Australia, Italy, Chile, Luxembourg, Belgium, Colombia, Finland, Tunisia, Argentina, South Africa, Turkey and Bolivia were there with their wives.

Other celebrating the occasion were the new Deputy Assistant Secretary of State and Mrs. Robert E. Lee, the deputy to the Secretary of Commerce and Mrs. Herbert Klotz, the Woodward Redmonds, Judge and Mrs. Russell Train, former Ambassador and Mrs. Arthur Gardner, Capt. and Mrs. Edwin Graves, former Ambassador and Mrs. Stanley Woodward, the James Crosses, the Taylor-Chewnings, our next Ambassador to Argentina and Mrs. Robert McClintock, the Lucius Batiss, the Bruce Sundlums, Betty Burton, George Baker and the Bill Merriams.

Former Spanish minister here, now Ambassador to Norway and Mrs. Propper de Callejon, were there, having come to America for the birth of a grandchild. They were warmly greeted on all sides, as were U. N. Delegate and Mrs. Jaime Plines, who used to be stationed here.

Guests of honor at the dance were the attractive young houseguests of the Yturraldes, a nephew at Harvard Business School and a niece who flew over from Madrid just for the party.

Jacob and Isabella Arzuces, young cousins of Alphonse and Isabel Aroz and Alphonse Alvarez de Toldeo.

THE ENTERTAINMENT originally planned for the dance was a performance by the "Tuna," a group of gay young singing and instrument-playing students from the University of Madrid, who were accompanied by an

appear in Puerto Rico in December. But, alas, they spent all their money in Puerto Rico so couldn't afford to come to Washington.

Instead Enric Madriguera's fabulous Follas de Espana who are appearing at the Casino de Royale staged a show at 3 a.m. in the ballroom that brought forth loud "oles" from the Ambassador and others sitting on the floor surrounding them.

It began with songs of Spain and South America sung by five Argentine gauchos in colorful ponchos who were followed by an incomparable guitarist. And the show ended with the gayest of all, the Soleares, a mad flamenco contest involving the whole troupe, including the prima ballerina Nana Lorca.

Needless to say, the Embassy dance lasted until the not so small hours.

ROSE SAUL ZALLES, in the meantime, was giving a terrifically gay party for the four debutante daughters of friends of hers. They were Courtney and Marguerite Hagner, daughters of Randall H. Hagner, Jr.; Christiana Caracciolo di Forino, daughter of Count and Countess Caracciolo di Forino, and Anne Thompson, granddaughter of Texas Representative and Mrs. Clark Thompson.

The hostess, who wore a Balenciaga gown of pale blue with a sparkling bodice, had the Sulgrave Club decorated like a pink Italian garden for the big event. A pink trellis flanked by marble urns holding pink flowers formed the backdrop for the receiving line. All the debutantes wore long white dresses. Christiana's, more of a cream satin, was the dress her grandmother wore when she was presented at the royal court of Italy. It had a full skirt, and off-the-shoulder puff sleeves.

MASSES OF PINK BALLOONS with pink plumes attached were clustered around the big chandelier in the ballroom where the orchestra was flanked with statuary columns and a backdrop of a green garland studded with roses. Balloons, plumes, roses and garlands decorated the other walls, too.

While Meyer Davis held forth in top form upstairs, some of Sidney's orchestra played in the nightclub downstairs. An excellent supper of beef stroganoff, eggs, sausage, salad and ice cream and cake was served from midnight on in the dining room.

Guests at the party in-

cluded Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Drake of Charlottesville, Va.—she is Pamela Turure's mother; the Rab Wilsons, the Andrew Sauls, the Douglas Smiths, the Alec Hagners, who gave a gay party at the club the night before; the Gale McLeans and James Gibsons, Gen. and Mrs. Franklin Hart, Wesley Frame, Howard Hartmann, Mrs. Clarence Mackay of New York, the Stanley Bowers of New York and the Louis Ferrisons of Montreal.

In the diplomatic contingent were Chilean Ambassador and Mrs. Muller, Norwegian Ambassador and Mrs. Kohrt, Iranian Ambassador, Ardeshir Zahedi, Luxembourg Ambassador and Mrs. Heisbourg, Belgian Ambassador and Mrs. Schoeyen, French Counselor and Mme. Pelen, and the Eliotus Mangors.

The hostess' sister, Mrs. Rose Schneider, was there, and the John Hammonds, the Fontaine Brouns, Jack Eakin,

Christening Celebrated

The ambassador of the Ivory Coast and Mrs. Konan Bedie were hosts yesterday at a small party at the Embassy to celebrate the baptism of their youngest patriot and to usher in the New Year.

Five-month-old Isabelle Poineau, daughter of the Counselor of the Ivory Coast

Col. Tom Alexander, the Robert Ametys, the Charles Finucanes and scores of the debutante set.

And everybody of any age who knew how to Twist forgot all the silly notions about it and had the fun of the new fad. Twisting the New Year in. Come to think of it, it's not how it came in but how it goes out that counts.

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